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Dear Friend,

My time back in the district this month has been rich with face-to-face meetings with old and new friends. The conversations have centered on a variety of international and domestic topics, but none measuring up to the passion generated in response to the health care reform ideas being vetted in House and Senate bills.



Concerned citizens voice their apprehension regarding health care reform to Congressman Lungren during the two hour town hall in Citrus Heights.

There were inklings this topic would take center stage as early as the June Town Hall in Folsom. I made a mental note then that this was rapidly becoming a paramount personal issue among constituents who value a doctor-patient relationship with as little government and insurance company intervention as possible. These voices have come out en masse this month with a consistent cry: "improve my health care if you can, but don't take it away."

This voice and theme—that health care needs reform but not an overhaul—was heard over and over Tuesday at the Citrus Heights Town Hall. More than 300 packed the Citrus Heights City Council Chambers and spilled over into an adjoining patio area. An estimated 500 remained outside in near



Congressman Lungren addresses the overflow town hall crowd during an extended health care reform question and answer period.

Upcoming Town Halls!

**August 22, 2009
10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Civic Center
33 Broadway
Jackson, CA 95642

**August 26, 2009
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

American River Room
2729 Prospect Park
Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA
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part of the fire, estimated 300 remained outside in near triple-digit heat —unable to enter because of the building's capacity under fire codes. Two city council members present commented that they had never seen such a phenomenon in the city's history. So, recognizing the needs of the throngs outside, I left the chambers at 8:30 p.m. (the appointed end of the Town Hall) and took the conversation out to the parking lot. With the excellent assistance of the Citrus Heights Police Department, I commandeered a microphone from a squad car and used its onboard P.A. system to continue our Q & A into the night.

Miss the Citrus Heights Town Hall? Visit [C-SPAN](#) to see it when it gets posted, watch for it on your local TV listings (maybe as early as this weekend), or visit www.news10.net/video/ to search for their coverage. Also, check out my photos from the evening on my [Facebook page](#).

Other District work:

- In addition to getting the viewpoints of my constituents, I visited with two separate physician panels this week to get their ideas on health care reform: Kaiser Permanente in Folsom and the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society.
- I met with Amador and Calaveras County representatives about ideas that could bring jobs to the region: In Amador, an old lignite-fired electricity plant is being prepared to use renewable woody biomass fuel to create power and up to 100 jobs in the community by next spring at Buena Vista Biomass Power; in Amador and Calaveras it's tourism along the North Fork of the Mokelumne River where the OARS whitewater rafting company wants to establish a commercial run, which could lead to increased tourism dollars in the nearby communities of Jackson, Mokelumne Hill, San Andreas and Angel's Camp.
- I hosted a visit with Akiva Tor, the Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest, during which we discussed Middle East developments including peace initiatives and the Iranian nuclear crisis.

I'm looking forward to continuing our dialogue during the next two town hall meetings and in other meetings as I am home in California this month. Please feel free to contact my Gold River office at (916) 859-9906, [e-mail me](#), or send me your comments in the field below.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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- ☐ makes no difference.

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